

HOUSE RESOLUTION 248

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Stephanie Balmer of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Stephanie Balmer, an educator of twenty-five years who excelled at shaping young minds; and

WHEREAS, the sixth head of school at Harpeth Hall School, Dr. Balmer had served with distinction in this position since September 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Balmer possessed a vibrant personality, and she had a gift for making every Harpeth Hall student and teacher feel known and valued; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader, Dr. Balmer was an enthusiastic supporter of the school's athletic teams, and her presence in the stands was always appreciated by Harpeth Hall's athletes; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of higher education administration at private liberal arts colleges, Dr. Balmer came to Harpeth Hall from Dickinson College, where she served as vice president for enrollment, marketing, and communications and dean of admissions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Balmer graduated with a bachelor's degree from Murray State University and a master's degree from the Stetson School of Business and Economics at Mercer University-Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional who nevertheless placed her family first before her other myriad commitments, Dr. Balmer is survived by her husband, Lauren, and her daughter, Isabel, a sophomore at Harpeth Hall; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Balmer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional educator and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Stephanie Balmer, reflecting fondly upon her inspirational leadership as head of school at Harpeth Hall School and her enduring legacy as an educator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the students, colleagues, family, and many friends of Dr. Balmer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.